



Christian Character



CHRISTIAN CHARACTER is that distinctive and exemplary garb, woven of a texture of such fineness and durability that no earthly mill dare to weave it, but is woven by HIM before whom we are naked, and whose garment was woven without seam.

It is of such perfection in design that no cutter of earthly costumes dare to attempt its peculiar design but in whose likeness we were made, He hath by one stroke brought to earth's sorrowing inhabitants a design of requisite splendor, especially suited to each individual, and to His own personal surroundings with whom we are to dwell.

A model that no sculptor dare to lift a tool to make a stroke at its production, lest he cover his face in shame because of human sagacities' lack of knowledge of the divine pattern, but is modeled by Him who created man in His own image and likeness, a Sculptor infinite in His wisdom, insomuch that He hath of perhaps earth's 350,000,000,000 people made no two faces alike, and purposes that we each shall have character all our own woven of His own nature, especially blended with the peculiar characteristics of each individual.

Christian character is a house in which dwells the saint, whose occupant it is, of such an extraordinary and gorgeous design that no earthly architect, be he of such a graduation and fame as to attract earth's golden millions, yet he dare not lift a pen to draw even the primary lines, lest he reproach his Creator, the Designer of the Golden City, and also the Inspector of each house, or character that aspires to be attached to that celestial city of gold, yet He hath made for us each prerequisite, that we may dwell with Him who hath immortality dwelling in the light.



Notes from The Editor



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method to take care of the needs of your church, which will result in some profit to the one handling the sales and will greatly increase the circulation of the Evangel.

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ARCHOLOGIST DISCOVERS TRACES OF EXODUS

The Associated Press reports a statement made by Sir Charles Marston, noted Biblical archeologist, on March 21, 1932 that his expedition, under Professor John Garstang, who is now exploring the site of ancient Jericho, has discovered what are believed to be letters to the Egyptian Pharaoh from the cities of Palestine imploring military aid to help stem the invasion of the Israelites of the Exodus. These letters have been found near Tel el Amarna, Egypt, and are written on clay tablets. They appeal to the Pharaoh, as suzerain, to send soldiers and chariots to defend Palestine against invading warriors, described as "Habiru" and who, Sir Charles Marston believes, could be identified as Hebrews. The letters bear a date which according to recent research, he said, coincides with the period of the Israelite conquest of Palestine. The fact that they were found at Tel el Amarna shows they reached their destination, but searchers for corresponding tablets or replies at Jericho turned up none this far.—Alliance Weekly.

NOTICES

God is wonderfully blessing at Newry. A revival has just closed there with a church set in order with seven members and prospects for several more soon. Brother J. L. Watt did the preaching. The Lord saved and sanctified several and four received the Holy Ghost. We desire your prayers that the church will prosper for the Lord.—Your brother in Christ, 14 James St., W. L. Edgar, Seneca, S. C.

I am a member of the Church of God in Memphis, Tenn. I have been called to carry the gospel and am anxious to get into service for the Lord. If it is His will I want to attend Bible School in Cleveland next fall. A plan has come to my mind that might help me earn enough money to attend school. I am gifted with drawing and if any one has charts that they want drawn, send me a copy and tell me how large to make them and by the help of God I will draw them. I will charge only reasonable prices.—A brother in Christ, Stanley Prescott, Rt. 1, Box 259, Marion, Ark.

Rev. E. M. Ellis, pastor of East Chattanooga and Rev. E. L. Simmons, pastor of (Continued on page 14)

PREMIUMS

Beginning March 1st the price of the Evangel for a year's subscription has been set at \$1.50. The premium offer for the previous period expires March 1st. We are going to use a new method in giving premiums in which every worker may receive something. Each minister whether state overseer, district overseer, pastor or evangelist, that sends in one hundred subscriptions during the next six months, beginning March 1st, we will give to him or her one set of Clarke's Commentary consisting of six volumes, priced at \$15.00, or one set of Matthew Henry's Commentary consisting of six volumes, priced at \$15.00 or a fifteen jewel Elgin or Waltham watch in a twenty-five year case.

To ministers sending in forty subscriptions during the next three months we will give one Young's Analytical Concordance priced at \$7.50 or its equivalent in other books that you may choose.

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The Evangel's Birthday

THE coming of March 1st always brings to the Evangel, as it does to mankind, a day of annual remembrance as to when it made its first appearance before the public. The Evangel dates its first birthday back to March 1st in the year of 1910. For now a period of twenty-three years it has traveled regularly to the homes of multiplied thousands of readers. Many of those have passed on to the other side of life, yet many remain to witness the progress of the paper they continue to love so well, as it makes its way into different countries and homes. Almost daily come letters telling of the blessings of God upon those who read its columns and feast on the source of truth which is continuously spread upon its pages.

CONTENDING FOR ITS EXISTENCE

The Evangel has, like all men and like everything of importance, had to contend for its own existence. It has for these many years made its own appeal through the hearts and minds of its readers, to allow it to go unhindered and unlimited unto the many that its readers know are daily in need of the refreshments that its many subjects and writings contain. By the importance of its own merits, and the impression it makes upon men and women's minds, it continues to weather the storm and goes unhesitatingly on into the different parts of the country, winning its way into many new hearts and homes by the argument it is able to put up without blushing.

LIKE PAUL

It is much like Paul, it argues after his point of view, "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not." It purposes to stand in these days of darkness and apostasy for the whole truth of the Word of God. It feels no stigma that mankind so often feels from the eye of the outside world; it is blessedly inhuman in that respect.

IN PERILS

It has oftentimes been in perils, by false brethren and has been assigned to flames and to the waste basket. However, the realness of its purpose and the right of its own existence is such that it is like "fire unquenchable." It thus faithfully seeks to bless whatever home or heart it may enter.

Again like Paul the apostle it seems to say, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself." Like the Redeemer of mankind it does not value its own life, but purposes that others may be refreshed, that it may finish its course, not for its own joy but for the furtherance of the joy and faith of others. It has been vivified and upheld by the Holy Spirit so that its columns are aflame with divine fire and enlightenment, and though cast aside or refused, its realness remains the same. Like the saints of God, "its righteousness remaineth forever." Though it may have the sentence of death within itself, and therefore may fall into the fire or waste basket, it seems to say, "As dying and behold we live."

LIKE THE FAITHFUL MARTYRS

It is much like the faithful martyrs, it bids its comrades march onward, and fears no evil, for should any number of copies fall to an ill fate, like the "cloud of witnesses," many others will follow in the wake of those who suffer hindrance and detriment to witness to the truth of the gospel of Christ. We have had ministers who have suffered many hardships, but could the Evangel tell us things concerning itself it could relate more narrow escapes and more abuse and hardships than any ministers ever dared to do. It has perhaps been stamped into the mud as though it harbored drunkenness, but its pages would glow with the whiteness of the purity of the gospel of peace which Christ our Master died to bring to mankind. It is fully Christian in its appliance of principles; it purposes "to bless and curse not."

COME BEHIND IN NO GIFT

It lives true to divine principle. The dove that it wears as an imprint so intimately associated with it, until it has displayed a marked possession and treasure of "spiritual gift," in that we receive many letters telling of the Evangel being placed on sick bodies who are healed in answer to prayers offered over it before it leaves the office here. It carries with it the word of wisdom and knowledge to the upbuilding of both intuition and rational capacities of man. Its messages of faith inspire and encourage

its readers to a higher plain of faith.

POOR, YET MAKING MANY RICH

Like our Master, it has no income for itself, though it has constantly enriched others in spiritual wealth. The subscription list, though increasing, is limited in its mission and work that is laid upon it to accomplish, yet it is always on the road and is at least some 'like Paul when he said, "When I am weak then am I strong." It seeks no treasure for itself and has no other design or purpose in life other than to bless and help others. It goes into Cuba, China, Canada, India, Jamaica, Mexico, and other nations and many islands of the sea simply to bless and help others. Few, if any, of the foreign subscriptions are paid for by the receivers, thus, while it seeks to bless and edify those in foreign lands, for their sakes it becomes poor.

A UNIQUE PLACE

It has a unique place to fill and goes regularly at the task. So many letters have come to us telling of its blessings, and bringing expressions of appreciation for the way and manner in which it is arrayed in its new form. We feel that like all holiness preachers it is giving a good account of itself, and that it is winning favor among them unto whom it ministers.

WITHOUT PURSE OR SCRIP

It has no purse or scrip to take with it and is dependent on whatever is received out on the field. Treat it kindly. It will not return unless the "Son of peace" be enthroned within the home it enters or unless it is invited back. It has in the past visited many homes for months without receiving any wages.

ENLARGED

In its present form it is greatly enlarged, carrying about two and one half pages of its present size more reading material than in the previous form. It should all the more be appreciated and welcomed into the home and community since it purposes to more fully supply the need of the entire family of the Church of God.

SUBSCRIBE OR RENEW

We ask each reader to kindly favor the future of the paper by your renewal

or subscription. Every minister should feel that the paper is as much his as it is the property of any one else. Your church will stand by the faith longer and appreciate the Church as an institution of God and be more loyal and faithful to its tenets of faith if you have them to become readers of the Evangel. There is one of the greatest and most important ministries in the written page of today that is to be found in any capacity. Atheism and various injurious teachings are flooding the land and they are using almost solely one avenue and that is the printed column. We are not awake to the possibilities and privileges of having the

Evangel among our members and public. Many churches that should have a large subscription list have but few and some not even any Evangel coming to their church. Your church needs the paper and the paper needs the support of your church. Every minister should be a subscriber and worker for the Evangel. We have tried to make it better by enlargement and by conformity to practical form suited for church publication. Enrich your church and others who will subscribe with a variety of religious reading matter by securing their subscription to the Evangel.—Faithfully, Editor.

So the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward." Connecting this prophecy with Rev. 19 when Jesus comes back with His saints to destroy the powers of the beast and false prophet, when the battle of Armageddon is fought, the reading is similar to that of Ezek. 39 and undoubtedly refers to the last great conflict. So if Russia is now preparing for this great war, surely the coming of Jesus is near at hand for this is not to take place, according to prophecy, until somewhere around seven years after Christ comes in midair for His church.

The world is fast ripening for the great day of God's wrath. Anarchy is overspreading the nations, kings and rulers are toppling from their thrones, men's hearts are failing them for fear of the things that are coming upon the earth. Old forms of government are giving way for the new, claiming the present system is no longer supported by the people, thus paving the way for the coming of him who shall think to change times and laws and whose power shall be mighty. Already the spirit of the Antichrist is felt very keenly in the world. Nations are forsaking God and trusting in the power and wisdom of man alone.

I wish to give here an analysis of the Lord's prayer by the Soviet as quoted by Oswald Smith, "OUR FATHER—Here is a pretty business for us poor Russians who imagine it is always necessary to have both father and mother—WHICH ART IN HEAVEN—That is self-evident, thou knowest nothing of men's habits and customs upon earth—HALLOWED BE THY NAME—Wait a bit, give us time to grow a little wiser and thy name shall be hallowed indeed—THY KINGDOM COME—Thou art always harping upon the same string; as for us we have our workman's republic—THY WILL BE DONE—It is to the Soviets that the whole kingdom belongs—ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN—Do not waste words over that. We have already made a clean sweep of the governments of the earth—GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD—It is we who sow, it is we who reap, it is we who eat—FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES—Once more do not waste thy breath, we owe thee nothing—AS WE FORGIVE THEM THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US—We forgive nothing, we forget nothing, we pardon nothing—LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION—The people have grown wise. Thou wilt not deceive them.—BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL—We have learned how to deliver ourselves."

This blasphemous insult against God is a sample of the depth of unbelief to which man has sunk. H. G. Wells said, "Anarchy is spreading westward to the Rhine, then to the Atlantic, and will soon seize upon these already doomed United States." Count Keyserling said, "We are undoubtedly entering on a decidedly antireligious period. Russian philosophers look at the world of so-called progress in the light of the Revelation and judge it as the beginning of the age of the Antichrist. Dr. Betts, professor of North-

The Day of The Lord

By R. H. BELL

Joel 2:1

BLOW ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains."

The dark clouds which have been shaping themselves for sometime in Russia are becoming visible to almost every nation on the earth. God hath said in Ezek. 7, "The end is come upon the four corners of the land; * * * the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded. Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them shall remain." Are you watching the political changes in the European countries? Are you keeping an eye on the performances of Russia? You may say, What has Russia's movements to do with the conditions of this country? Well, not so much at present possibly as it may have in the near future.

Turning to Ezek. 38 God saith to His prophet, "Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him." Now it is agreed upon that Gog and Magog have reference to the northern countries and the European powers: Gog the prince and Magog the land; so if we read Ezek. 38th and 39th chapters in this light, we find that Russia in the latter days will make tremendous steps in preparation for war. "Be thou prepared, and prepare thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them," Ezek. 38:7. "Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee," Ezek. 38:9.

Is Russia preparing for war? Let us quote from an article written in the June issue of Current History, entitled, "The Soviets Plan for War," in which the writer says, "Hand in hand with the government's stupendous, industrial and agricultural program go gigantic military preparations. The red army numbers five hundred sixty thousand and is net

an army of soldiers but of officers and officials. Our soldiers are the whole of the Russian people. Sixty million children under seventeen years of age receive military training in connection with their school work. Two million women are now being prepared in case of war to take the place of men. Two hundred fifty thousand are training for regular army service."

For what is this great army preparing? In Ezek. 38:15 we read, "And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army." V. 18 says, "And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face." This prophecy seems to have reference to the time when Israel shall dwell in their own land after having been gathered from out of all nations, a time when the Gentile nations shall try to seize this land from the Jews, for we read in Ezek. 38:11,12, "And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallied villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, to take a spoil, and to take a prey; and to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land."

Is Russia preparing for the great Armageddon battle which is to be fought in the closing of the great tribulations? Let us notice Ezek. 39:3, 4, "And I will smite the bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the fields to be devoured." Then in Vs. 21 and 22 we read, "And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them."

western University, submitted some questions to some active ministers and students of five theological seminaries which they answered in this manner: Q. Do you believe that the idea of evolution is consistent with belief in God as Creator? A. Sixty-one per cent ministers, "Yes." Ninety-four per cent students, "Yes." Q. Do you believe that the devil exists as an actual being? A. Thirty-three per cent ministers, "No." Eighty-two per cent students, "No." Q. Do you believe that the New Testament is, and always will remain the final revelation of God to man? A. Twenty-four per cent ministers, "No." Sixty-nine per cent students, "No." Q. Do you believe that Jesus' death on the cross was the one act which made possible the remission of man's sins? A. Twenty-four per cent ministers, "No." Sixty-four per cent students, "No." Q. Do you believe in the resurrection of the body? A. Thirty-three per cent ministers, "No." Sixty-nine per cent students, "No." Q. Do you believe in a bodily second coming of Jesus to establish a reign of righteousness on earth? A. Forty-nine per cent ministers, "No." Seventy-five per cent students, "No."

A glance at this reveals the fact that professors are swiftly drifting towards apostasy. Paul tells us in 1 Tim. 4 that there shall be a departing from the faith, a heeding to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, having only the form of godliness, denying the power, etc. Dear people of God, how needful it is that we earnestly contend for the faith. Oh ministers of God, proclaim the truth. Soon we shall stand before Him to give an account of our stewardship. Have we failed? Have we weakened? We know it takes a brave heart and courage to press the battle in these awful days, but in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Let us lay hold on eternal life, seek more power with God, live holy, examine ourselves to see if we are really in the faith. Be watchful and prayerful. Paul said, "It is high time to awake out of sleep."

When a surgeon goes to perform an operation he administers the dope that takes away the feeling. This enables him to make incisions without pain to the patient. The devil is administering his poisonous dope today to the people of God as well as he is to the world and trying to get them to sleep so he can carve away their spirituality. And once he is successful in doing this he doesn't care much about the form and we awake to find ourselves like Samson, no power and without the presence of God. The great days of God's wrath will soon overshadow this old world. Let us not sleep as do others but let us be watching and waiting for His coming. Let us put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand in this evil day. God is demanding our best. Paul said, "What things were gain to me those I counted lost for Christ that I may know him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings being made conformable unto his death. Brethren, I

count not myself to have apprehended, but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth to those things which are before. I PRESS

THOU shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. That commandment was written to protect men and women from the evil effect of two words that slander utters and echo repeats all around the world. What we are to depend on is what we think. Our influence on those about us depends on what we say. The great power in the world is thought. It creates all that we have for good and for evil. Words are the tools that express thought; useful when they are benevolent and true, dangerous when used carelessly, deadly when their intent is evil. Two of the most harmful words in our language is **THEY SAY**. There is no protection against slander. "No sword bites so fiercely as an evil tongue."—Sibely. "I hate the man who builds his name on the ruins of another's fame."—Gog. The anonymous letter nearly always carrying evil messages is cowardly. Anonymous gossip that begins with "they say" represents cowardice in speech as the anonymous letter represents cowardice in writing. The talebearers are just as bad as the talemaker.

More harm has been done by those two words "they say" than any other two words in the language. Reputation has been blackened by them, hearts have been broken, credit and fortune have been destroyed, banks and their depositors have been ruined, churches have been ruined and split up, homes have been torn asunder. Saints, be careful how you use these two words.

In a great city of the middlewest a foolish, practical joker said to a friend on Friday before the Fourth of July which fell on the next Monday, "Why do you do business with that bank? Don't you know it is dangerous, in bad condition?" The friend expressed perfect confidence in the bank, whereupon the practical joker said, "Well, I am willing to bet you twenty-five dollars that your bank does not open next Monday." The man to whom the bet was offered did not reflect that Monday would be the Fourth of July and of course the bank would not open. He took the bet and then worried about it. He hurried to the bank, took out all his money. Then "they say" began to circulate. Speaking to a friend he said in deepest confidence, "I have drawn my money out of such and such a bank. They say there is something wrong with it." That "they say" spread over the city like fire, a dangerous run was started on the bank. It was nearly ruined by two words, "they say," yet had the foolish man who was the victim of the practical joker merely drawn out his own money and omitted his "they say" no harm would have been done.

It is not virtuous women who are so ready to report suspicion of their sisters.

toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." With a determination of this kind put into action it will help us to reach our goal.

Slander

By H. M. BATES

TEXT: Ex. 20:16.

The gossiping woman will raise her eyebrows slightly, remark that she despises gossip and will have nothing to do with it, but "they say" that

brother or sister

so and so has done such a thing and "they say" the church is going down and if this continues going on in the community there will be trouble in the church and influence is lost and the church will go down and reputation is lost by two words repeated. "Talebearers are as bad as talemakers." The fact that a man did not make the pistol or the knife is no excuse for using it against his fellowman, so because you did not originate the slander is no excuse for you to repeat it. If you know of any one spreading gossip or any one of the great "they say" army, you might let them read this article of warning.

"Gossip is always a personal confession either of malice or imbecility and the young should not only shun it but by the most thorough culture relieve themselves from all temptations to indulge in it. It is low, frivolous and too often a dirty business. There are country neighborhoods in which it rages like a pest. Churches are split in pieces by it. Neighbors are made enemies for life by it. In many persons it degenerates into a chronic disease which is practically incurable. Let the young cure it while they may. Idle, aimless gossip may not be as bad as deliberate slander but it is often more harmful. It indicates an idle mind that cannot interest others in ideas of its own and therefore seeks to interest in a mean way. Slander once echoed, once started on its travel, cannot be checked. If slander be a snake it is a winged one, it flies as well as creeps. Saints of intelligence, avoid slander and gossip because real intelligence despises both. Intelligence avoids gossip also, because gossip is the vice of small minds of failure. Where you find a successful man or minister you find one that speaks well of others. The man or saint who is successful and intelligent will not say what is not true of others. He will not praise another unduly but he will speak evil of no man.

The Japanese have this wise motto: "Speak no evil, see no evil, hear no evil." They illustrate it by a group of three little monkeys covering their mouths, eyes and ears. Now we cannot help seeing that which is evil, cannot help hearing it, the Japanese saying goes a little too far, but the good minister or saint who knows by hearing or seeing that evil exists speaks of it only as in duty bound, but that has nothing to do with gossip. One who often repeats the aimless "they say" is at heart a fool for he is injuring himself. Slander is a vice that strikes a double

blow, wounding both him who commits and him against whom it is committed. The intelligent man or woman, when they hear another speaking bad of some one, will ask themselves, What will they say of us when we are not here? and they will form a definite opinion of the scandalmongers. The man who speaks well of others spreads cheerfulness around him and spreads respect and shows wisdom and character and good training. Slander has worked evil thru all the centuries—from the beginning of speech. It is based on envy, meanness, littleness. Evil speech persists in remembrance when good words are forgotten. Long years before the Christian era the wise Chinese, Confucius, said, "Slander soaks into the mind as water into low and marshy places where it becomes stagnant and offensive." It might be well in these days, when falsehood can be so harmful, when so many listen to tales, to start a society of prevention against the circulation of slander and gossip and ask the one who repeats the two words "they say," How do you know it? Can you prove it? If you don't know, why do you repeat it? And soon we would discourage it. When we cannot speak well of any one let's keep silent except where the Church's welfare is involved and then let it be nothing but the truth, not mere whispering, and if only for selfish reason, let it be remembered that he who speaks well of others is himself spoken of with respect. Saints and ministers, take warning, don't gossip or slander your neighbor or use the two words "they say."

REVIVAL HELD AT McCALL, S. C.

McCALL, S. C.—We have just closed a meeting at McCall. Six were converted, one sanctified, and one filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We want all to pray much for the church at McCall that it may shine. Pray much for us that we may do our best.—John H. McDowell, evangelist.

I HAVE VICTORY IN MY SOUL

POLAND, Ohio.—Dear saints, I feel that Christ Jesus has pardoned my sins and I am going to be a true soldier of the cross, praise God. We have a fine pastor in our little Church of God. Come on, saints, and pray for me that I will never turn back again in the sinful life I once was in, but that my life will be spent serving the dear Savior Jesus, also pray for our church and pastor.

Now I am seeking the Holy Ghost. Pray that I'll get Him and never part from God again. I had a hard time fighting the old devil but praise God for His work He has done for me in saving my soul. The devil has no part in my soul. I surely feel victory in my soul since Jesus came into my life, praise God! I pray that the Lord will call on more sinners each day to observe Him, then they will never turn back from His blessed way.—I am yours under the blood of Jesus, William M. Delp, Rt. 2.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. BLEST WITH REVIVAL

Brother B. E. Drummond, an aviator, came to Parkersburg, W. Va. sometime during the latter part of October 1932, and, as many people know, is an ex-pastor of the Church of God at Parkersburg. He was an efficient pastor. The church made much progress for several years under his leadership. However, he had a misfortune which caused him to become inactive in religious matters for a few years. He was yet in this unfortunate condition when he arrived in Parkersburg. He began to visit our services again and it was only a few nights until he went to the altar and was completely reclaimed.

This occurrence started a revival. Bro. Drummond entered the pulpit and began to preach holiness again. The accomplishments of this revival are inexplicable. It was one of the best that I have ever seen during the eleven years of my ministry. The fellowship of the church was greatly increased. Brother Drummond is trained proficiently in various vocations. He is a graduate of aviation thru extension work, he is a machinist, electrician and a teacher of both vocal and instrumental music. He has been teaching a music school here for several weeks.

Brother F. W. Rollins, 1828 S. Fifth St., Columbus, Ohio, another one of our very efficient ministers with over sixteen years of experience, came to Parkersburg soon after Brother Drummond's revival closed. He said that God showed him to come to Parkersburg. We certainly believe it, for he also had one of the best revivals that I have ever seen. His revival closed with seven additions to the church. To some seven additions to the church would not seem like a successful revival, but in view of the fact that Brother Rollins had to encounter an imbroglio and that labyrinthical conditions continued almost throughout his revival makes us to think that it was very successful.

I also unhesitatingly recommend Brother Rollins to be a proficient evangelist, one that is trustworthy in our best churches. Brother Rollins is devoting his entire time to the evangelistic work. Give him a trial in your church and see how God blesses.—Bun E. Hicks, 505 19th St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

Y. P. E. A BLESSING

The C. of G. Y. P. E. at Lenoir, N. C. has been a great blessing this past year to our church and surrounding community. We feel that God has been in this thing and is helping us in every move we make. We receive the hearty cooperation of our pastor and his wife at any time. They are always a faithful standby and enjoy working with the Y. P. E. We feel we are in the Lord's will. We expect to do more this year than ever before.

Our officers seem to be talented for the work assigned to them. Sister Dorothy Harrison, secretary and treasurer, is ever faithful and is always on her job.

Brother Pane Stalling, Y. P. E. chorister, sings with power and zeal. Sister Mae Caldwell and Sister Bervolee Chandler, group captains, are expecting to put forth every effort to win new members for both God and the Y. P. E. I, being superintendent, enjoy working with the young people and I expect to do everything within my power to lead them on to deeper depths and higher heights in Christ Jesus our Lord. We have on roll now about thirty-five members and are still gaining. We expect by the grace and help of God to reach our goal. Pray for us.—Your sincere friend and sister in the Lord, Lucille West, superintendent of Y. P. E., Lenoir, N. C.

EIGHT WEEKS' REVIVAL CLOSED WITH VICTORY

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—We closed an eight weeks' revival here the first Sunday night in December with great victory and success. The dear Lord blessed from the very beginning. Brother Duckworth began the meeting the week the pastor left for the Assembly and the church was greatly blessed. He stayed nearly four weeks and did some good preaching. Some were saved and some reclaimed. After he left the pastor continued the revival and the Lord continued to bless and souls continued to get thru to the Lord.

Then Brother H. L. Whittington of South Carolina came and stayed with us seventeen days and we just had an old time outpouring of the latter rain from the glory world. Some received the Holy Ghost in most every service, as many as four or five in one service. About thirty were filled with the Holy Ghost in the seventeen nights and between thirty-five and forty in the whole revival. Twelve were baptized in water and twenty-three added to the church. We lost count of those saved and sanctified. This was one of the best meetings the writer was ever in. Such a sweetness prevailed in every service; love, unity, fellowship and the presence of God. The saints cooperated and worked faithfully to make it a success.

Brother Whittington is a hard, conscientious worker and he did some fine preaching, although he was hoarse all the time he was here having contracted a cold the first day he came which was a great hindrance to him, especially in singing. His daughter, Eva Mae, did most of the playing while she was here and also helped in the singing. The services of both were highly appreciated and enjoyed by all and both made many friends while here. We hope to have them back with us at the very first opportunity. The writer never worked with a more congenial, earnest and lovable character than Brother Whittington.

The writer continued the meeting one week after Brother Whittington left. Several were blessed and three more received the Baptism. The Lord is still blessing in most every service. Quite a few are still seeking God.—U. D. Tidwell, pastor, 1016 East 10th St.

The Ten Virgins

By ROY E. BLACKWOOD

Reading, Matt. 25:1-13

THIS is referred to as the Olive discourse. The Lord's return tests the real state of the kingdom in mystery.

Christ with His disciples was seated upon the Mount of Olives. The sun had set behind the mountains and the heavens were curtained with the shades of evening. In full view was a dwelling house, lighted up brilliantly as if for some festive scene. The light streamed from the openings and an expectant company waited around, indicating that a marriage procession was soon to appear.

In many parts of the East wedding festivities are held in the evening. The bridegroom goes forth to meet his bride and brings her to his home. By torchlight the bridal party proceeds from her father's house to his own where a feast is provided for the invited guests.

In the scene upon which Christ looked a company was awaiting the appearance of a bridal party, intending to join the procession. Lingered near the house of the bride were ten young women robed in white. Each carried a lighted lamp and a small vessel of oil. All were anxiously awaiting the appearance of the bridegroom but there was a considerable delay from some cause or other. Hour after hour passed. The watchers became weary and began to slumber and sleep.

At midnight the cry was given, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him." The ten virgins had been letting their lights burn during the delay. The lights lighted up the pathway and added to the attractiveness of the home surroundings of the bride. Awakening at the cry, they sprang to their feet, trimmed their lamps and were making haste in order to join the procession and get on their journey with the others to the home of the bridegroom where there was a marriage supper prepared.

The virgins heard the voice of the bridegroom and also the voice of the bride and, no doubt, the voices of the ones who came with the bridegroom, forming the bridal party.

The long delay seemed to have burnt out the oil in the lamps. All looked into the vessels where they were supposed to have an extra supply for emergency and lo and behold, there were five of the virgins who had neglected to bring along this extra supply. They readily saw their lights were going out and they would not be able to make the journey with their lamps unless they could borrow from the other five. They said to the other five, "Give us of your oil for our lights are going out." Up to this time there seemed to have been no difference in the appearance of the virgins, all lights had been burning and they were all virgins. A virgin means one who is chaste, or befitting, modest, pure, undefiled, undis-

turbed, etc. They all seemed to have been robed in white. They were all there for the same purpose and all seemed to have the same desires. But there they were with a shortage in their oil supply which caused them to ask for a loan from the other five. It was now midnight, at perhaps the darkest time of the night, and they could not go if they did not have a lamp with oil in it. The five with the additional supply of oil soon had their lamps trimmed and a fresh supply of oil in their lamps and were ready to join the procession. In answer to those who asked them for a loan they said, "Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves."

The five went to buy but the procession went on and they were left. The five wise joined the throng and entered the house with the bridal train and the door was shut. Afterwards the five foolish came to the door of the banqueting hall and knocked for admittance but the master of the feast met them with an unexpected denial with the words, "I know you not, and they were left standing on the outside in the street, in the darkness of the night."

As Christ sat looking upon the situation He told the disciples the story of the ten virgins, illustrating by their experience the experience of the Church that shall live just before His second coming. The two classes of watchers represent the two classes who profess to be waiting on the second coming of Christ. Then there is the third class that constitutes the bride. Of course she was watching and was also ready. No doubt her heart was beating faster and faster and she was longing for the appearance of this bridegroom, the one she was engaged to be married to on this night. All things were in readiness, everything had been prepared for this journey. I do not believe she went to sleep. Some one made the cry, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." No doubt she, the bride, saw the lights shining and the torches coming around the curve but the ten virgins were asleep and they were awakened by the cry.

The delay in the bridal party and the bridegroom in their appearance caused the oil to be burnt low in the lamps of the virgins. As they had got sleepy on the job they did not have their lamps trimmed, even the wise had to trim their lamps after the cry was made and found the lamps needed recruiting, which they did and barely were able to join in the procession. So it is today. Some few years ago we heard the message of the second coming of Jesus. Many received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and their lamps were full of oil. I say the oil represents the power.

The Scriptures are divided into three classes. Some are taken symbolically, some taken figuratively, and some literally. The oil used in the lamps was expressly ordered to be olive oil beaten, Lev. 24:2. In those days oils were used for food, oils for lamps which was olive oil beaten, and oils for anointing. Then in scripture oil is used figuratively as when David said, "Thou anointest my head with oil." The oil the ten young women used in their lamps was olive oil beaten, but Jesus used it in the parable figuratively to mean power of the Holy Ghost. The corn, wine, and oil were the principal products of those days. Oil was used both as a plain article of food and in cooking, just as butter is used among occidentals. The cruse of oil was indispensable in every house, etc., but here when Jesus used the term He had reference to the power, or the Holy Ghost. Corn, wine, and oil represent regeneration, sanctification, and the Holy Ghost.

We all thought some few years ago that Jesus, the Bridegroom, was soon coming. We are yet waiting and as it was with the virgins, while we wait our faith is tried. There is a time of waiting, intervening, and if we do not watch He will come and find us sleeping, and not only sleeping and slumbering but without a supply of oil, power, to take us up when He comes. Surely we do want to be ready for that journey but we cannot go if we do not have the power of God and a sufficient supply to give a brilliant light.

We have the privilege of helping to constitute the bride. The bride is deeply in love with Jesus, the Bridegroom, and would not displease Him in anything. She is true blue in every respect and can be depended on in all trying circumstances and is watching and waiting lest that day come upon her as a thief, or unaware. The five wise barely got in as guests but did not constitute the bride. They were only guests. Why did they not help constitute the bride? Because they were sleeping and slumbering, which indicates they were not interested enough to stay awake in the church work and salvation of souls. They, the five wise, were not as active in the Lord's work as they should have been. They were somewhat dilatory or were not wholly given up to God in everything. They were virgins but somewhat slothful or sluggish. They had power with God and the Lord blessed them but they could not be classed with those who helped constitute the bride. The bride is wholly given up to God and God comes first in everything. The bride is continually thinking what she can do to please the Lord and her time is devoted to sacred things.

The foolish virgins could not be classed with the other five wise when the bridegroom came. If he had arrived a few hours earlier no doubt these would have been ready to go, but it seems that during the delay their supply of oil was exhausted and they had not received power enough to tide them over this long. Elisha asked Elijah for a double portion of his spirit. These five foolish were contented with small blessings and did not

believe in stocking up and filling full and running over to where the saucer could be supplied with blessings. No doubt, the five wise believed in shouting and shouted quite often and had the saucer full in addition to the cup, but the foolish had quit shouting long ago and considered themselves settling down. They claimed to be in good standing but never shouted, and frowned when others did. They said in their testimony they wanted to be ready when Jesus came and that they loved the Lord, etc.

It seems that it is during the waiting that folks backslide. If the Bridegroom would come immediately after a revival or after a big shout some would be ready, but during the delay or the time of waiting when patience is tried, faith tested, etc., is when many get spiritually sluggish and sleepy, and on the backsliders' list.

The bridegroom came at midnight and it is during the midst of the darkest period of this earth's history that Christ will come. The days of Noah and Lot picture the condition of the world just before the coming of the Son of man. The scriptures pointing forward to this time declare that Satan will work with all power and with all deceitfulness of unrighteousness. Not only is Satan leading the world captive but his deceptions are leavening the professed churches of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The great apostasy will develop into darkness deep as midnight impenetrable as sackcloth of hair. To God's people it will be a night of trial, a night of persecution for the truth's sake. The day of the Lord is a day of darkness. This old world will get worse and worse, and as it was in the days of Noah so it will be in the coming of the Son of man. They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. Today the divorce courts are full and there are more marrying and getting divorces than ever in the history of the world.

Then it seems that the five foolish went to those who sold and came on later. They struck the trail leading in the direction of the bridegroom's home and when they arrived they found the door shut. Upon knocking for admittance they were met with an unexpected denial and sudden and unlooked for calamity. The master of the feast said, "I know you not." They were shut out from the marriage supper and were not admitted in, even as guests. There they were standing on the outside with lamps burning but they came too late. They will have to go thru the tribulation period of time and if they can stand for God during this seven year period when God's people who are upon the earth are severely persecuted under such difficult circumstances, they will be saved.

In Rev. 19:7-9 we find these words, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the

righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

We notice in the reading that the bride, the Lamb's wife, had made herself ready. There was no lack, or anything left undone. Then too, we notice there is a blessing, or they are called blessed who are even called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

RECEIVED BLESSINGS AT CONVENTION

Lake Worth district convention convened at Okeechobee, Fla., Jan. 13-15, 1933 with our good state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, in charge. We could not find words that would describe to you how the spirit of unity, love and fellowship prevailed throughout this entire convention, for God surely did put His approval upon this convention and blessed in a marvelous way.

The welcome address was given by Brother S. W. Kerce. This was wonderful, for after hearing the cordial welcome everybody certainly did feel at home. Every one was then ready to hear the precious Word of God about which our good ministers were to tell. We had short talks by Brothers J. M. Bradley, G. G. Prince and E. W. Williams which were enjoyed by all for God was surely with them.

Brother E. W. Williams opened service Saturday morning with songs, prayer and music. The music was furnished throughout this entire convention by the Okeechobee band led by Brother Bennie Jones. We certainly did enjoy the good music and the wonderful songs of Zion. Brother Clarence Corley preached the first sermon on "Bible Standard for Christian Living." This was very appropriate for the occasion and essential for all of us and seemingly every one was encouraged to press the battle on for Jesus. Now is the time that we should measure up to God's Word and be a Bible Christian.

In the afternoon studies of the Minutes were discussed which were beneficial to all. Saturday night after the song service came the praise service. All of us had an opportunity to thank and praise our blessed Savior for all things, for we know He is our refuge and strength and guide from day to day. An address was given by Brother J. M. Bradley on "The Need of Spreading the Gospel." We need the old-fashioned gospel preached in its fullness to all nations as there are hungry souls in this world who don't know about Jesus. Oh, how we need to tell people more about Jesus! Our good district pastor, Brother G. G. Prince, preached on "Bible Plan for the Support of Ministers." We need to put forth every effort possible to help to support our ministers, for when Jesus sent out the twelve apostles, in Matt. 10:9-10 He said, "Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves; for the workman is worthy of his meat." We know that our good ministers

are worthy, so let us put our shoulder to the wheel and do our best for our ministers in the future. God is the same today as He was when He sent the first twelve for He is still sending them out to spread the glad tidings.

After song service Sunday morning we heard some very interesting talks by several of our good Sunday School superintendents. These were enjoyed by all. Each superintendent seemed willing to do his best for the betterment of the Sunday School. Let's all work with our superintendent and make each Sunday School one hundred per cent. Our state overseer delivered us a wonderful sermon on "Spiritual and Practical Unity," and oh, how we did enjoy this for it put a desire in our hearts to be more in unity.

In the afternoon we had reports of the local churches in the district and they were extra good. Our good district pastor delivered the last sermon on "Loyalty and Faithfulness." Oh, how we enjoyed that! It takes unity and loyalty and how we want to hear the words, "well done thy good and faithful servant," and if we are faithful unto death we will receive a crown of life. After this sermon came handshakes, goodbyes and our parting hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

We are looking forward to the time when we shall meet again with greater results than we had this year. The Lord blessed in everything; preaching, testimonies, prayers, songs and music and we can say for a surety there was no slothfulness among any of our people at Okeechobee, for they did everything possible to make all visitors welcome. I am one of Lake Worth's members and I surely was made welcome.—Mrs. W. H. Smith, Sunday School secretary, Box 1642, W. Palm Beach, Fla.

STILL ON THE BATTLEFIELD

BECKLEY, W. Va.—I am still on the battlefield, praise the dear Lord. I have just come out of a meeting at Kelleysville, W. Va. I came to Pemberton where Brother Green was conducting a revival and helped him a few nights. He is having wonderful success. Several have been saved and sanctified and eighteen have received the Holy Ghost.

The enemy came in full force at the beginning but the saints stayed on their knees until God came to their rescue, praise the Lord! Our enemies tried every way they could to run the saints out. They threw several large firecrackers in the church during services and threatened to set fire to the building or blow it up with dynamite. Two drunken men came to the pulpit one night to start trouble but God stayed their hand. Hallelujah! I will say right here I can recommend Brother Green and wife to any one who needs his help. His home address is, James Green, Lamar, W. Va. I want all the saints to pray for the work at Pemberton.—Yours in Jesus' name, H. S. Smith.

A Fruit-Bearing Christian

TEXT: Mark 11:12-14

AND on the morrow when they were come out from Bethany He hungered and seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves He came if haply He might find anything thereon and when He came to it He found nothing but leaves for it was not the season of figs and He cursed it saying, No man shall eat fruit from thee hence forward forever."

The text has reference to the Jewish nation but can be applied to spiritual Israel of today. Christ is the great Rock upon which the Church is built, the chief corner stone in the building. He is indeed the great vine from which we receive our strength for without Him we can do nothing. Yet we find His body constituted of some of the same material that Christ saw in Peter. It is true that Peter was yet carnal at the time of our Savior's remark—Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it—but God saw valuable material in this disciple and knew that provisions were going to be made to eradicate this carnal mind or Adamic nature and curse and thus enable Peter and all other such types of humanity whom God had chosen to be His disciples and who had longed to follow Him in the beauty of holiness to reach the standard that God had intended they should, thus enabling them to become fit subjects to constitute His body, the great Church of God.

Yes, it was for this cause that our dear Lord came to this world. He said, I suffered without the gates that I might sanctify the people with my own blood. Now we have cause to believe that Peter was a saved man before Christ ever went to the cross, that is, as far as justification by faith is concerned. First, because the Father had revealed the Son to him and he had accepted Him as the Son of the Most High God, and the Scriptures make it very clear that if we believe upon the Son of God, we shall be saved. Second, because of another statement made by our Lord Himself predicting Peter's backsliding, yet at the same time showing his return to the apostleship. Both statements plainly show him a child of God yet at the same time one sorely in need of the purifying blood of Jesus Christ because this same disciple made many terrible failures while endeavoring to follow his Lord even to the extent that he denied that he had ever known the One whom he loved so much. This is an example of flesh warring against the spirit and how impossible to live godly without being sanctified. Christ said, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. Truly the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Yes, from the time of the fall of Adam and Eve in the beautiful garden of Eden there has been a great spiritual unrest going on in the heart of man. Again and again we see him yearningly and wistfully looking back to the

once glorious estate from whence he had been driven. Oh wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from this body of death? When he would do good evil was present with him. Does God love him still? Will He yet have compassion upon this wretched bit of humanity? Yes, with all of man's helpfulness and corruption God loves him still. Man looketh upon the outward appearance but the great penetrating eye of God looketh upon the heart and knoweth the mind of the spirit and while it repented God that He ever made man since he had yielded himself to unrighteousness, at the same time there is a consultation going on in heaven with the Trinity that explains God's love and mercy toward man.

Can we conceive anything so wonderful as to hear the great Prince of Heaven say, I will go down to that sin-cursed world, sacrifice my estate with the Father and for a period of time take on the form of man and suffer all the pangs of sin and death in my own body until the wages of sin be satisfied and man redeemed and restored to his former estate of holiness? Oh what a debt we owe to such a Savior. Why should we not love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, also our enemies? God loved us when we were yet sinners. Is it any more than we should do to love the souls of those who persecute us and who oppose themselves? They are only victims of the enemy having been taken captive by him at his will, so let us love one another as Christ has loved us and given Himself for us. Is it not as little as we can do to offer ourselves to Him, living sacrifices that we may be profitable and wholly acceptable in His sight who has done so much for us? It is indeed our reasonable service.

What if we were still under the curse even until this day and without a hope? Then should we hesitate to give to God what is rightfully His, our time, our talent, our all, our life's work in the gospel when the call comes? There are, no doubt, many persons in the world today of the same type as Paul before his conversion, who have a zeal for God but not according to knowledge but had they the true, light would fight as hard for the cause as they had ever fought against it. Some, of course, may have only a form of godliness and there may be those of the Judah type, yet there are some who stand where the other apostles stood, sinners in ever sense of the word but need to be sanctified and baptized with the great Holy Ghost so as to place them with Peter after Pentecost rather than leave them helpless and in the pitiful position where Peter was before Christ went to the cross. So it behooves all those who have the light to broadcast this gospel and live such lives as to influence those with whom we come in contact. We are to remember that Christ's gospel was made most vivid by the life

He lived. I do not believe there is a soul who has been born of the great Spirit of God who has not been given a work to do whether it be home or abroad, because ever since Christ came here with His mission to redeem humanity His one great ambition has been to perfect His body which is the pillar and ground of the truth and He must have loyal workers to accomplish this great work for His Father.

Yes, there are people whom God is trying to reach throughout the universe but sad to say, owing to the slothfulness of some of us who have been blessed with the light we are failing to show our appreciation by consecrating our lives to Him that we might be profitable servants to Him by enlightening those who are afar off, whom Christ gave His life's blood to redeem the same as He did for us, thus perfecting His body, the great Church of God, according to Eph. 5:27, that He might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that it should be holy and without blemish. The same command that was given to the apostles of old stands good today—Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel—and those who believe shall be saved and those who believe not shall be damned and these signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues, they shall take up serpents and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them, and they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Brother and sister, are these signs following us today who profess to be members of that same body of Christ? and does not the Bible plainly tell us that the latter house should be greater than the former? Are we the material that constitutes this great body? Truly if we are true disciples of our Lord we should be producing some of the fruits of the early church at least. Let us examine ourselves and see if we be in the faith lest we become reprobates, let us yield ourselves henceforth to God that we may be pliable instruments in His hands for it is His will that we produce much fruit that the Father may be glorified thru the Son, otherwise we become vessels of dishonor or withered branches soon to be cast off and destroyed. John 15:6. So let's take up our cross and follow Him, the servant is not greater than his lord. If we love Him, we will keep His commandments. He has said in His Word if we abide in him and his word abide in us we can ask what we will and it shall be done, and again he said, He that believeth on me the works that I do shall he do also and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto the Father. Well, what is the trouble? We are puzzled because of financial difficulties and because there is not a greater following. The trouble is not with Christ. The multitudes followed Him. There must be some slothful servant in the camp. Are we proving our faith by our works? The world is perishing for the lack of miracles. We only truly believe that which we are able to

prove, otherwise it may be only religious talk. Wake up, friends, and see if there be found in any of us an evil heart of unbelief in falling away from the living God. We do not want to be found among that number who worship God with their lips but their hearts are far from Him. Let us not deceive ourselves, God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. If we lay up treasures in heaven thru obedience we shall have our reward. If we shall sow to the flesh, we shall die. We say we believe we are living in the Holy Ghost dispensation and that we should have the same power that the apostles had, then if so, we should be faithful workers and not rob God of the glory that should be His thru His Son. And if truly abiding in Christ, there should be results. Are the same signs following us as they did Peter and John when they stood before the beautiful gate of the temple and commanded the lame man who had been lame from his mother's womb to rise in the name of Jesus and walk? Do the dead rise as Dorcas did at Peter's command? If the signs would follow the professing church today even as they did in the early church, there would be little difficulty in reaching God's elect and the financial problems would be solved. So my sincere prayer is that we contend earnestly for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints and thus become vessels of honor in this great earthly house which represents the spiritual body of Christ or kingdom of heaven, otherwise it may be said of some of us as Paul said of some of the so-called followers of Christ in the early church. I say it and say it weepingly, they are walking but enemies to Christ's cause. They will not be loyal themselves, therefore, they are responsible for the other followers stumbling, so we should beware lest we be found without a wedding garment. Let us go on to perfection that His smiles and approval may rest upon us that we may some day hear the glad welcome, Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Yes, the great heart of our dear Christ has been looking forward yearningly and wistfully to the day that He can present a perfect Church to the Father and of course that day will come and may not be far off, yet the thought that comes before me most forcibly just now is will He find us all real fruit producing Christians or shall it be the sad fate of some of us to be found bearing nothing but leaves? Yes, His return will be out of season for the unbelieving world because He will come as a thief in the night, to that soul that is not found watching.

By one who loves the Savior and by His help expects to go thru.—Norma Brinsfield, Rhodesdale, Md.

For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. — Luke 14:11.

A NOTE OF PRAISE FROM DETROIT, MICH.

God is blessing us with one of the best revivals that we have ever witnessed in the Church of God at Detroit conducted by our state overseer and pastor, Brother Earl Paulk. The most wonderful sermons we have ever witnessed are going forth with great power. Great interest is being manifested. Unity and love prevail in the church as a whole. Attendance is good and many from various parts of the city are looking toward the great Church of God.

In spite of sickness in Brother Paulk's family God has wonderfully blessed in this revival. Twenty have been saved, twelve sanctified and filled with heaven's good Holy Ghost. Thirteen have been baptized in water, all good promising Church of God material. Eleven were in the altar last night. The meetings have been running four weeks and the end is not yet.

We especially wish to thank and praise God for the way He is blessing in our Y. P. E. Our membership has greatly increased in the past two months. We attribute the increase to our pastor, Brother Paulk for he surely is the greatest Y. P. E. booster that we have ever seen. He certainly has created a great interest in the hearts and minds of our young people. Each officer and member is prompt, faithful and ever ready to do his part. We are expecting the church to rise and shine in Detroit and much good to be accomplished for God and His great Church. Please pray that God will continue to bless the church and its works in Detroit.—Your humble brother in the Lord, Walter L. Pate, 4280 15th St., Detroit, Mich.

STILL ON THE FIRING LINE

Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I thought it good to testify thru the Evangel and praise God for what He is doing for us. We are still on the firing line, enjoying the good rich blessings of our heavenly Father. We have had one good successful revival in this district since the last Assembly. It was conducted by the writer and wife at Troy Springs about seven miles from here. It ran three weeks. Six were filled with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water and eight added to the Church of God here at Branford. We have received in all ten members since the past Assembly and have dismissed none.

Our Sunday School is growing and we see the great hand of God in almost every service. We are having a revival for our church members this week and the next week. Beginning Feb. 13 we expect to launch an evangelistic campaign with Sister Bessie Tyle doing the preaching. We feel victory now for the revival and we are expecting God to do great things for us. The work in this district is moving along fine. Good spiritual services are reported from the various churches.—Your humble brother, E. E. Coleman, district pastor, Branford, Fla.

WORK MOVING FORWARD

I am feeling encouraged this morning since taking a trip over our district and finding all the churches doing so fine. There was but little trouble in any of them and it was settled in love. The first church we visited was Friendship. It truly has its name for the people are so friendly. We surely were treated nice. We had our services in Brother McCormick's home. He is an ordained deacon of that church and is proving himself by doing a good work at that place.

We went from there to Zion and found lots of good people over there. Then there was Brother E. Williamson of Crumley's Chapel, Brother Burks of Gray Hill, Brother Fincher of Potash and several others at each of those churches just as good people as you can find anywhere. I tell you the glory is ringing in those hills, praise the Lord!

Now we will begin with the other side of our district. Talledega church was our next visit. We had a real good time there and we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing at most all the churches. We surely were treated nice at Talledega. Brother W. W. Ball is the pastor there. Next was our home church at Sylacauga, Ala. where we have lived for about twelve years. Before coming to Anniston it was a treat to get to go home again and see all down there. W. S. Wilemon is the pastor down here and I believe he is a good man. We have paid Jacksonville two visits. Brother C. H. Prince is the pastor over there. He is a real good man. Jacksonville church is in much better condition than it has been for a while.

I thank the Lord things are picking up at Anniston church, Anniston, Ala. I think we have some of as good people over here as you will find anywhere. Some of our runaway members are coming home, praise the Lord, and the fatted calf is killed and we have music and dancing. Please pray for us over here. Come on churches, let's do our best this year in winning souls for Jesus. The Ball brothers were with me on my trip. Brother W. W. Ball took me around in his car as I had no car. They surely made good music.—Your humble brother, J. S. Collins, district pastor, 1328 Bancroft St., Anniston, Ala.

THE LORD BLESSES IN PRAYER SERVICES

TIFTON, Ga.—We feel led to write to the Church of God Evangel as God is blessing so wonderfully here in our prayer services. Praise His dear name! Brother Otis Basden has been with us about seven weeks. He has come back to the Church of God and is a member at Union Grove. He surely is a humble man of God. God honored his help with us in our prayer service on Tuesday and Thursday night, bless His dear name! There has been one saved, three sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and a number have been healed for which we give God the praise. There is no church here. Our membership is at Union Grove.— Mrs. Alice Eason.



In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

Balancing The Budget

For now a long while the newspapers have been carrying some definite writings about balancing the budget in our national capitol. When they talk of that they talk in figures of billions of dollars ranging around \$3,500,000,000 which is decidedly less than in former years and this must come annually.

Down here in Tennessee they have been putting up a desperate fight to reduce state cost around say \$15,000,000 and so goes the story throughout the entire world. Deficits must be met for the purpose of maintaining this world's form of government. But Jesus Christ has announced His intention to set up His kingdom in earth over which the Church at this time is representative as His co-workers. The total amount paid by all churches and dominations to balance the budget for His kingdom varies considerably in that there is approximately \$15,000,000 set aside annually to balance God's budget for the mission field. Compare the multiplied billions of dollars with this small and insignificant sum and you will see where the interest lies concerning the kingdoms of this world and the kingdom of heaven.

I gave a missionary address last night and they had a play in which the children supposedly sent articles of clothing and toys to missionaries in some distant land. But in the play the children of the same household received back the clothing and toys they had given. This is the reason why God can't balance His budget. Things that should go for missions, especially finance, are kept at home, much of which is spent on fleshly lusts; chewing gum, candies, face powder, rouge and various

cosmetics to try to polish up the human being before mankind.

Multiplied millions of souls are dying that have never heard nor never will hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. I wonder what we are going to tell God? Pastors that do not have the missionary work at heart and ministers who do not try to encourage the spirit of giving to missions will never hear, Well done thou good and faithful servant. But they answer back, "Times are hard." This is true, but the fact is that you did not raise mission money when there was plenty of money. Therefore it is only an act of unfaithfulness to Christ who has called you as His collaborer. Soon your day will be passed. The good you could have done by being faithful in raising mission money for the mission fields will not be done. Then what are you going to tell God? Can you tell Him you was faithful? Do you expect Him to tell you that you were faithful when you know you were not and that the job is well done when you know it is not?

Our missionaries have sacrificed the comforts of home, the association and friendship of relatives and friends going to dark benighted lands to tell sinners about Jesus. God has privileged you to stay among your friends and loved ones. Can you not be faithful in holding up their hands in prayer and raising regularly the mission quota that they may have funds to support them. God is giving glorious revivals in Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, and lifting and rebuilding the storm stricken Bahamas. Our funds are low, will you cooperate?—Faithfully, Mission Secretary.

CAN'T PRAISE HIM ENOUGH

DALTON, Ga.—I want to sound a note of praise for the wonderful way the Lord has blessed me and my family. He has given us the blessed Holy Ghost and healed us so many times. Oh, I can't ever tell how much God has done for me.

I thank God for the little Evangel. It is food to my soul. I don't see why any one wouldn't want it to come every week to their home. It has so much good news from all over the United States and in the Islands telling about revivals and about how God is undertaking for His children. I can say it is the best paper I have ever read.

Just a word about our pastor and district pastor at Cedar Valley. I can say we have one of the best little preachers there is, I believe. Our district pastor, Brother Nix, is always bringing such good food to our souls. We thank the Lord for our former pastor who did much good work here last year and is going

to help us out some this year. We thank God and pray that God will bless him in his work this year.

I ask the prayers of the saints for the church at Cedar Valley that it will be just what God would have it be.—One who wants to be ready when He comes or calls.—Alice M. Hawkins.

REVIVAL ENJOYED

Brother E. M. Tapley of Rayville, La. came to the Church of God here at Gilbert, La. and held a few nights' meeting for us. This revival was enjoyed by all. We feel much good was done, surely more than we think for he surely preached the Word of God and God said His Word wouldn't return void but would accomplish that which he pleases. Isa. 55:11. And we believe what the Lord said. Bless His precious name! Pray much for this place and for the church here.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. P. N. Foy, Jr., clerk, Gilbert, La.

NEWS FROM CHURCH AT BALDWIN PARK, CALIF.

BALDWIN PARK, Calif.—Dear readers of the Evangel, the Church of God at 163 Holt Ave., with C. W. Cleland as pastor is really doing things. On Wednesday of last week the pastor's wife entertained her Sunday School class of eighteen boys and girls at her home.

At the last church business meeting they elected Neressie Bolear Sunday school superintendent. She promised them as soon as they got twenty new students they would have a picnic. Now what do you think? The first Sunday they went over the top. So on Saturday, Jan. 14, the Sunday School including the pastor met at the church where a big truck with a trailer just as big waited to take them to the Canyon. Before the older ones had time to get out of the truck the younger ones had hit the trail up to the waterfalls. When they returned a picnic dinner was steaming on the camp stove and after all were seated at one long table they sang "Come and Dine" and prayer was offered by the superintendent thanking God for the great outdoors and God's blue canopy overhead and health to enjoy all the good things of life. Later the big truck loomed up to take them home. The trip home was most joyous.

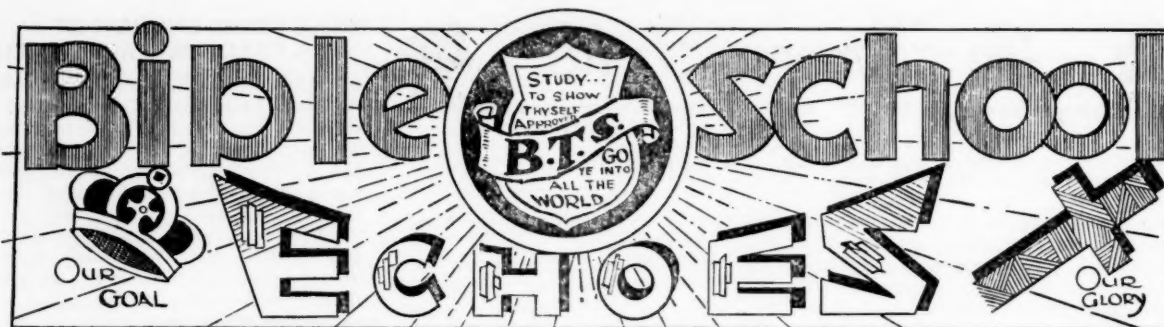
When we arrived back at the church eight new children had waited all afternoon for the children's meeting conducted by Sister Gertrude Adams each Saturday afternoon. Well, of course, we could not disappoint them so we went into the church and conducted the service for them and three children came to kneel at the altar and give Jesus their sweet young lives.

Sunday morning one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 and six subscriptions were taken for the Evangel. Sunday evening at six o'clock the choir met with Sister Bolear to practice singing. The pastor, Brother Cleland, preached a good sermon under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

The church also has a commissary next door conducted by Neressie Bolear where they give out vegetables and bread to the unemployed. The young people's meeting on Thursday night is growing. It has its own orchestra. If you are near us come and worship with us. We are truly praising God and looking for the soon coming of Jesus.—C. W. Cleland.

Y.P.E. ORGANIZED WITH 25 MEMBERS

FT. WAYNE, Ind.—Praise God from whom all blessings flow. As I have not seen anything in the Evangel from Indiana for some time I thought I would let you know how we are getting along. Our meetings are fairly good. We have organized a Y. P. E. since New Year with twenty-seven members. Brother Petty is leading this meeting. He is our Sunday School teacher also. We thank God for Brother Petty and all the other saints. We ask an interest in your prayers that God will bless.—Curtis Hughes.



We enjoyed a visit and an inspiring message from Brother T. S. Payne, ex-superintendent, Feb. 21.

Brother Edwin Inches and wife, former B. T. S. students who have been working in Canada and North Dakota, visited us during last week. They are en-route to Florida where they will evangelize the rest of the year.

During the short visit of the Denson Trio last Wednesday, they entertained us with some good singing.

We thank the Lord that the condition of J. H. Walker, Jr., is greatly improved. Little Junior can no longer be Daddy's baby, but must give this place to his his baby brother who arrived Feb. 16.

Below is a letter from the music reporter who is in Winnsboro, S. C.

Dear Editor:

Greetings to B. T. S. Just a few words in regard to the work of the Bible School Quartet in South Carolina. In spite of the depression, the work of the quartet seems to be on a boom. We are getting all the work we can possibly do. We have about twelve singing schools to teach, and several revivals to conduct.

James McCoy and I are in the midst of a big singing school at the Winnsboro Church of God, while Urias and Johnay are at Warrenville, S. C. in a good school. We have about seventy "ambitious to learn" students attending in spite of the cold weather. Not many of the pupils knew do from re, but now you should hear them sing. The class is anticipating on broadcasting a thirty minute program at station WIS at Columbia on the close of the school.

While the singing school is going on nicely, the Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. Last Saturday night conviction seized the hearts of many in the congregation. There was an altar call made and the altar was filled. Nineteen were saved, five sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost that night and several prayed thru to victory the next night.

Since the quartet has been in South Carolina we have sung at Greenwood, Augusta, Warrenville, Greenville, McCall, Winnsboro, Hamer, Dillon and Bunker Hill.

I will close these remarks expecting to see all of you at the grand finale of the Church of God Bible Training School. Respectfully, Alphas LaFever.

ENVY

Text: Gal. 5:25, "Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."

Webster says to envy is to grudge or feel displeasure at the excellence or prosperity of others or to covet. But we might say it is just a mild word for jealousy.

First of all, envy indicates the carnal nature, 1 Cor. 3:3. Some do not consider envy a very bad thing, but we find Paul placed it in the same class with malice and hatred. It is also soul destructive, Prov. 14:30. Since man's fall in the garden this monster has been in the earth and is ruining the lives of many today. We even find many today who claim Christ as their Savior, envying the worldly attractions and some even envy such petty things as popularity in the sight of men.

Let us look to God's Word for a few events which were prompted by envy and consider their results. According to Acts 7:9 it was envy that sold Joseph into Egypt. Because Jacob loved Joseph more than his other sons, they conspired against Joseph to slay him and tell their father that a wild beast had devoured him. They changed their minds, however, and cast him into a pit and afterwards sold him to the Ishmaelites. But God was with Joseph and delivered him. Now these men had no real charge against Joseph but did this wicked deed because their hearts were filled with envy.

Also we find that envy imprisoned the early Christians. Paul persecuted the Christians and cast them into prison because of their testimony.

Last, but not least, it was envy that crucified our Lord. Matt. 27:18. As we think of that howling mob crying out, "Crucify Him," we catch a glimpse of the awfulness of envy.

If we feel this monster creeping into our lives, let us go to God in prayer and get the thing eradicated, that Jesus may reign supremely on the throne of our heart.—A sister in Christ, Ruth Doolin, Detroit, Mich.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman, who was an adulteress, to Jesus whom He did not condemn, but said, "Go thy way and sin no more."

Jesus refers to Himself as the Light. So if Jesus is the Light we will have to

go to Him. We need the Light.

The world was in darkness and God was their only source of light, for in God is no darkness. God is light. 1 John 1:5. Sin separates man from God, and man without God in his life is in darkness. He has not the light in him, therefore, his deeds are evil and he sees no harm in sin, for he cannot worship God and is bound in eternal darkness. Some day he will open his eyes in hell like the rich man, but then it will be too late. God saw the condition of man and sent Jesus, His only begotten Son, that He might be a light. John was a witness of the light. John 1:8.

John 8:12, "And Jesus says, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 1:9. Jesus was the true light, an undeceiving Light, not derived from other sources for personal glory. But He came to bring light to every man, both Jew and Gentile. He came to bring light to you and me that we might be saved.

All men that are in darkness need a light, for there is no hope without Him. God sent Him that you and I might love the true light and be saved.

Come to Jesus and let Him come in that He may light your way to eternal bliss.—A Bible student, Theodore E. Dix, Grano, N. Dak.

THE WARFARE OF SAINTS

2 Tim. 4:7.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

We see in this lesson that Paul's life as a soldier was just about ended, and the time had come for him to await his reward. He had to fight many hard battles with great patience, but he never evaded his duty because God had saved him and called him into the ministry and he went out with a determination to win for God. This, every Christian ought to do.

First we need to prepare ourselves. Paul tells us to put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Eph. 6:11. Surely we are living in the last days and it is going to mean much to stand. I do not know of a better place to prepare for the Master's service than B. T. S. We have teachers here who have the work at heart and are putting forth every effort

available to better prepare men and women for God and His Church. We are living in a day when trained men and women are needed in the service of God more than ever before. We find in 2 Tim. that Paul says "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived," and I am sure that there are many being deceived in these last days. But if we go, holding up the blood stained banner of Jesus, we will be sure to win, for our Captain has never lost a battle, and when we reach the end of the way we can have that blessed assurance that Paul had.—Your brother, Andrew Gardner, 118 Wilmington St., Bessemer, Ala.

A STUDENT FROM N. MEXICO

Dear Echo Readers:

I am really glad to be in B. T. S. this term. I am glad to have become acquainted with the Christian students, and I praise the Lord for the good teachers who take such interest in the students.

I am gladder that I am acquainted with Jesus, and know Him as a personal Savior. I was saved from sin about five years ago. Later I joined the Church of God, which has been a great help to me. Bible School has helped me to realize the need of a closer walk with the Lord. I praise Him for making it possible for me to attend. My heart's desire is to live closer to the Lord and never do anything that would bring a reproach on the Church of God, or His cause.—A student and booster of B. T. S., Mary Lou Pyeatt, Jal, N. Mex.

13 FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST, 14 ADDED TO THE CHURCH

I was placed back here this year by Brother Cross, our state overseer. On Nov. 12 we started a revival and continued it four weeks. Brother Black preached the first service. The Lord blessed in giving out the Word.

We then secured Brother Ancil Newton to preach for us. He preached three weeks. There were as many as fifteen or eighteen in the altar at one time crying out to God for mercy. Brother Newton is an able minister. He made many friends for the Church of God. Several Free Methodist people expressed their desire to receive the Holy Ghost and some of them are still seeking. Brother Ward, a good Pentecostal brother, preached two or three sermons. His messages were enjoyed very much.

Brother Short from West Frankfort preached the last week of the meeting. He and his wife rendered valuable service in the music also. There were twenty-four saved, twenty sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost and fourteen added to the church. Six of this number were men and twelve of them never had been members of the Church of God before. We thank the Lord for these brothers and sisters.—Your brother under the blood, Toney Ford, pastor, Lawrenceville, Ill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

JESUS MINISTERING UNTO THE MULTITUDE

Lesson 11 — March 12

TIME: About the time of the Passover in the spring of A.D. 29.

PLACE: Northeast of the sea of Galilee.

GOLDEN TEXT: The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.—Matt. 20:28.

LEADING THOUGHT: Jesus can supply every human need.



Lesson Text: Mark 6:30-44

V. 30. "And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught." The incident puts them on record as loyal and faithful unto their Master, and desirous of running true to His will and purpose.

V. 31. "And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat." Luke 9:10 tells us that this desert place was near to "a city called Bethsaida," which means a "fish village." Jesus invited His disciples into "a desert" to find rest and leisure. It is often true that in the hardest and most desolate circumstances there arises the greatest joys and blessings.

V. 33. "And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all the cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him." It is said that the distance to where Jesus and the disciples were going was about twenty miles by land. The people "outwent them" and were there to meet them.

V. 34. "And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they

were as sheep having no shepherd: and he began to teach them many things." Though Jesus had sought to retire for rest, finding the multitude waiting for Him, His compassion was stirred, "and he taught them many things." Sheep are of all animals most stupid and helpless and are in need of a shepherd. The scribes were not so much pastors as wolves, who had taught error and lacked sympathy thus perverting the minds of the simple.

V. 35. "And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed."

V. 36. "Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they had nothing to eat."

V. 37. "He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat." They had been detained until it was late, to afford the opportunity for the miracle. The disciples answered, "Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?" They only thought of buying from the market. John 6:5 tells us that Jesus said unto Philip, "Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? This he said to prove him, for he knew himself what he would do."

V. 38. "He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes." John 6:9 tells us that the loaves were of barley and that the fishes were small. Barley bread was very inferior to the white wheat bread. Ps. 81:16; Rev. 6:6.

V. 39. "And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass." The companies were, according to Luke 9:14, about fifty each. Here is ground for organization.

V. 40. "And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties."

V. 41. "And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to the disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all." They perhaps took the bread and meat first in their hands, and then the blessing followed; this is good reason for "grace at meals." The miraculous increase of the meat and bread was an act of divine omnipotence, not an act of creative fiat, but an act of creative development.

V. 42. "And they did all eat, and were filled." V. 43-44. "And they took up twelve basket full of the fragments, and of the fishes." The act of supply was perhaps by passing the bread to His disciples and they in turn unto others. Possibly the apostles had each a basket, which was at the end taken up full, allowing the miracle to double in its affect, not only the feeding of the multitude but twelve basket full left at the end.

NOTICES

(Continued from page 2)

North Chattanooga were business visitors Monday. Rev. E. L. Simmons, reports a glorious revival at his church with about thirty-five saved and twenty-seven filled with the Holy Ghost with extra large attendance. Meeting still going. Full report will follow.

I would like to know Brother B. L. Hicks' address. If any one knows will you please let me know?—Mrs. Sarah Swindle, Golden, Miss.

CORRECTION: We regret that on the front cover of the Evangel of Feb. 11 appeared the statement "The City measures twelve hundred furlongs," when it should have been twelve thousand furlongs. Rev. 21:16.

The meeting at Pierce, W. Va. has been going two weeks. We have had forty-seven at the altar. Some were saved and sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord is working. Pray for us.—Yours in Christ, J. H. Sisler.

To all the pastors in Texas: We want to make a special drive for missions on the first Sunday in March. Let each pastor observe this and let's do all we can for this as the work is so neglected. Come on, preachers, let's put our shoulder to the wheel and show our loyalty to Christ and the Church of God.—Your brother in Christ, J. C. Coats, Overseer of Texas.

AKRON REVIVAL SUCCESSFUL

During the revival in Akron, Ohio, with Brother T. C. Messer of Pittsburgh, Pa. acting as evangelist, sixty-five were saved, forty-five sanctified, twenty-two baptized with the Holy Ghost, and thirty-five added to the Church of God. It was the greatest revival Akron ever had. The large steel tabernacle was crowded most every night with from twenty to fifty at the altar. We had fifty-six more in Sunday School last Sunday than ever before. Brother Messer surely has a message for the sinner and will work in harmony with any pastor. The revival will go on under the preaching of Sister Nona Dame of Sesser, Ill. Pray for this great revival to continue.—E. O. Sells, pastor, 1001 McKinley Ave., Akron, Ohio.

We are having a few nights' meeting here with Sister Bertha Shiedler doing the preaching. We ask the Evangel family to pray for the meeting to be a success.—Yours in the work of the Master, W. G. Rembert, 39 Hill St., Winchester, Ky.

The Mississippi state convention will meet the North Mississippi convention at Thorn, March 17-19. The South Mississippi convention will meet at Morgantown, March 24-26. Brother S. W. Latimer is to attend both conventions. Ministers,

friends and laity are invited to attend one or both meetings. Churches, see to it that your pastors are able to attend. Come praying and believing God for a feast from Heaven. Good singing, good preaching, etc. is expected.—T. M. McClendon, State Overseer of Mississippi.

WANTED:—A young man who can play a guitar and lead singing to help in revivals. Correspond with W. G. Webb, Rt. 1, in care of S. A. Selman, Overton, Tex.

Brother Walter Holiday, formerly of Canada, began a revival at Seco, Ky., Feb. 10. One has received the Holy Ghost. Brother Holiday is a deep, spiritual man of God and stands foursquare for the Church. He is in good standing and is able to help build up your church.—Leslie Back, appointed deacon, Millstone, Ky.

ALABAMA CONVENTION WORK

To the ministers of Alabama: It is time for our convention work. We desire that all district pastors send your suggestion for dates for district conventions. We further request that these conventions be attended one hundred per cent by our ministers in their respective districts, as much depends on your loyalty as to the success of said conventions. Ministers are to be examples, so set the example of loyalty in attending these conventions.

The state convention will convene at Pratt City, April 7, 7:30 p. m., continuing thru Saturday and closing Sunday night, the 9th. The state camp meeting will convene at Alabama City July 21-30 so make your arrangements to attend these state meetings and let's put Alabama over the top for the Church of God this year.

Those of you who have not yet sent in your \$5.00 on the general indebtedness, please do so as soon as possible. If you have not sold your pencils and Bibles, get them at once and begin. If you have no blanks for your pencils, write us and we will send them. Just order your Bibles from the Publishing House. They will be sent you direct. Thanking one and all for cooperation in this worthy work, I am yours for the Church of God in the State of Alabama.—W. W. Harmon, Overseer.

Dear Evangel family, I feel like going on and working for my Lord. I am an evangelist in the Church of God. If any one wants a meeting, I am open for calls.—Your brother in Christ, Geo. L. Petty, 1606 Fletcher Ave., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The Church of God district convention for the Orlando district will convene March 10-12 inclusive. There will be services Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. Come one and all from all over the district and let's have a great time with the Lord in this convention. Zellwood, Ferndale, also the good folks from Sanford and Bithlo are invited. Come and bring a basket of good things to eat Sunday,

and if you can't bring a basket, come anyway. Brother E. W. Williams, our State Overseer, will be in charge.—Humbly, your district pastor, J. A. Self, 13 S. Parramore St., Orlando, Fla.

To whom it may concern: My correct address is Rt. 2, Dillon, S. C. I am working as an evangelist in North Carolina. If you need me for a revival I would be glad to hear from you.—Faithfully, John H. McDowell.

NOTICE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

As many as can possibly do so please order your Sunday School literature not later than the 15th of March as this gives the clerks of the salesroom time to work up the orders in time to reach you before the quarter begins. If you are late sending your order you will delay your literature.—Editor.

We have set a church in order here with twenty-five members and more are coming in. The meeting is wonderful. We have a building that will seat about 300 and it is paid for. We want a good preacher for this place.—G. P. Gower, Potosi, Mo.

We are very sorry that we will not be able to fill all the orders for the Y. P. E. edition this week due to the fact that the orders were not placed before we ran the edition and we had no way of knowing how many to print. We ran off several hundred extra copies but they have all been bought out with quite an amount of unfilled orders on hand now.

Please send us your orders ahead of time so we will know how many to publish and we can get them to you one week earlier. From this time on the Y. P. E. edition will go out at three cents per copy in any quantity.—Editor.

REQUESTS

Sister Carrie Stringer of Desloge, Mo. requests prayer for her husband who is suffering from a nervous breakdown. Pray earnestly that he might be healed.

Please pray for a young man at Johnston City. He is in the hospital and is very sick. It was his request for me to ask you to pray for him. Please pray for God to heal him and also save his soul. Pray for me also.—Your brother in the Lord, Willie Lyle, 1403 9th Ave., N. Nashville, Tenn.

Dear saints, I want all of you to pray for me and for my home. Pray for dear Sister Barnett. The way seems dark at times but I know God is able to make a way for me. I am in a place where I can not get to go to church. Pray that God will make a way for me. I am looking for Jesus to come. That will be a sweet day for the children of God. I love the Church of God.—Your humble sister, Alice Blackburn, Rt. 2, Box 137, Tyronza, Ark.

I ask special prayer for the healing of my body. I am trusting God for both soul and body. There are no saints here except me and another one. Pray that I will do God's will. All pray for the little church at Marked Tree, Ark. to shine for God.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Lizzie Barnett, Tyronza, Ark.

My husband requests prayer of the saints as he has rheumatism in the muscles and nerve of his right leg and hasn't been able to even stand up straight since Feb. 2. He suffers very much and is not able to do any of his work. He and I received the Holy Ghost two years ago last summer, belong to the Church of God and stand for a clean Christian life. We know God can heal. Please pray that our bodies will be made stronger.—Mrs. J. A. Treadaway, Rt. 1, Grove Oak, Ala.

FIGHTING SATAN IN CHRISTIAN, W. VA.

We have declared war here at Christian, W. Va. against Satan, and the army of God is in the front line trench of a revival we have just begun. We request that you send us reinforcement by prayer for we have a hard battle to fight here with the archfiends of hell arrayed against us, but we expect victory for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty thru God to the pulling down of strong holds, 2 Cor. 10:4. We are trying to follow close the footsteps of Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, Heb. 2:10. Please do not lay this aside until you have earnestly and fervently prayed that God will send us a great reformation here.—Wm. V. Cable, pastor, Christian, W. Va.

This morning I feel like sounding a word of praise to God for the way He has answered prayer in providing a place for our state convention. After much power and fasting we have obtained the Armory in Crisfield, Md. where our convention will be held April 5-9. The auditorium is 60x100. We also have use of the kitchen and dining room where we expect to feed all out-of-town visitors free of charge. Visitors will also be fur-

nished a place to sleep. Brother S. W. Latimer, General Overseer, has promised to be with us. We are sending this as a special invitation also to other states to join us in this feast with the Lord. We are doing our best to make this convention a real success and will appreciate the cooperation of all who love this great cause. Everybody come. Bring your music and let us worship the Lord together.—D. G. Phillips, Overseer of Maryland and Delaware.

19 FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST

KANNAPOLIS, N. C.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival with Brother G. C. Hamby of Wilmington in charge of the preaching. We were so glad to have Brother Hamby with us. We are sorry that the revival had to close. The Lord surely did bless in service. We never will be able to tell all the good blessings we received, bless His holy name!

Brother Snyder, our pastor, seemed to enjoy the service so much and we all had a wonderful time praising the dear Lord. On Sunday, Jan. 8 Brother Hamby did not get to preach for the power of God and the Holy Ghost took charge and we surely had a wonderful time. There was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance, just like the Word of God said in Acts 2:4.

We had Brother A. J. Swift of Paint Fork in charge of the singing and had good string music by the band. There were thirty-five saved, twenty-five sanctified, nineteen filled with the sweet Holy Ghost and thirteen added to the church. We ask all who read this to pray for this place and for me that I may do what the Lord would have me do for Jesus is coming soon and I want to be ready when He comes.—A brother in Christ, C. G. Hill, 419 Chestnut St.

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I'M ENCOURAGED TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

COLQUITT, Ga.—I feel led by the Lord this beautiful sunshiny morning to write to the Evangel concerning my heart's desires and to thank the Church of God people and others that have taken so great interest in behalf of my soul's welfare. I don't know just how to thank the dear people of God, especially those of Jacksonville, Fla., that prayed so earnestly for me when I was in sin. May the Lord's richest blessings forever abide with them.

My heart overflows and my eyes fill with tears as I write and think of how the dear people took interest in me to get me to accept the dear Lord. It's been two years ago last June since I received the Holy Ghost and glory to God I have not regretted it since. The only thing I regret is, I did not accept the Lord years ago because the life of Christ is the sweetest of all. No one knows what they are missing when they are in sin neglecting to accept our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus is still precious to my soul and the Holy Ghost still abides. I am not discouraged, but praise God, I'm encouraged to fight the good fight of faith until Jesus gets ready to call me home. I want to be like old Brother Paul when he said, I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, I have finished the course, that there is a glorious crown of righteousness laid up for me, glory to God in the highest!

I'm now on the battle front for God. When I first came out here there was not any holiness folk in my vicinity but, praise God, by His help and by sending other saints in here we have a small happy band now and a great prospect for more and a Church of God. The Lord has saved, sanctified and baptized three with the blessed Holy Ghost and two more are seeking the Lord.

The Lord surely does bless in our cottage meetings. We don't have a Church of God in about eighteen miles of here so we have our little cottage meetings first one place and then another. I surely do want a Church of God here because I am persuaded to believe that the Church of God is the only one that is right and by the grace of God I mean to hold its name up to the standard, praise God, and be in it when Jesus calls her up in the air.

Everybody who reads this please pray for our work here that God will give us souls and a church for our labor, also pray if it is God's will that He will open up a way for me to attend B. T. S. next term. It makes my soul hungry when I read those wonderful testimonies in the Evangel to be up there to share some of those blessings that the Lord showers down.—Yours for Jesus and His Church, Floyd S. Dees, Rt. 3.

If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.—Matt. 18:19.

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43 SAVED, 21 FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST

SHELBURN, Ind.—A successful revival has just closed here. There were forty-three saved, several sanctified, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty added to the church. Some others will come in the church who haven't yet had the opportunity.

The revival began when three young men came to the altar in a regular service and got saved. I continued having services for over two weeks. Brother Paul Carpenter and wife came by on their way to Oklahoma and stayed nearly three weeks. They had charge of the services while here. They rendered valuable service both in sermon and in song. Brother Carpenter gave out the Word and stood firm against sin. They are consecrated workers. We had large crowds throughout the revival.

The revival spirit is still on. We have had three regular services since the meeting closed. There were several in the altar each time and one or two have prayed thru each service. We now have a membership of two hundred ninety-nine. We also have a good Sunday School and Y. P. E. The church here holds a good interest and has gained many new friends.—Yours for lost souls, C. H. Standifer, pastor.

BATTLE FOR JESUS

The Church of God at Delbarton, W. Va. has just closed a three weeks' meeting. There were twenty saved, ten sanctified and six filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost with Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Brother W. S. Ross, our state evangelist, conducted the services. God wonderfully blessed him in giving out the messages. The Word went forth with power and demonstrations of the Holy Ghost and fire. And we, the saints at Delbarton, can truly say we were all benefited and many who were cold and in a lukewarm condition were renewed and now are shouting the praises of God. We had a large attendance every night.

During our last service Brother H. N. Scoggins, our state overseer, was with us and we were wonderfully encouraged to press the battle for Jesus, both by Brother Ross and Brother Scoggins. Six were baptized in water.

We know not where Brother Ross will go from here but wherever he goes he has our prayers and best wishes that God will prosper him in his work and give him many souls for his labor, and when He is done with him in this world that we will all meet around the dazzling white throne of God where there will be no more parting, no sorrow, no pain, or woe, but where there will be joy, peace and happiness throughout the eternal ages for everything that we need will be furnished up there. Not even our song books will we bring and the precious old Bible that taught us the way we'll not need when we stand by the King.—Maud Stepp and Lula M. Curry, clerks, Delbarton, W. Va.

Y. P. E. ORGANIZED

BALDWIN PARK, Calif.—Dear readers of the Evangel, we want to tell you about our C. of G. Y. P. E. work among the young people of the Church of God in Baldwin Park, Calif. of which C. W. Cleland is pastor. We give you an invitation to come and worship with us on any or every Thursday evening at seven-thirty. Of course our work is only three weeks old, but we have a seven piece orchestra and expect visiting musicians every meeting. Sister Anna Main's son and his wife have promised us some Hawaiian music next Thursday evening Jan. 12, also Brother Everett Cook and Larue Cleland have promised a trumpet duet.

Last night Sister John Adams favored us with a vocal solo. Miss Olive and Mr. David Gray gave a piano and trombone number. There were thirty-eight present last night with two conversions. Others desired prayer. Some of our young people already have the baptism of the Holy Ghost and we're earnestly praying that all will be filled with the Spirit. We think our young people should be the happiest people on earth. Come and worship with us, we will do you good. — Neressie Bolear in charge.

TRUSTED GOD TILL VICTORY CAME

I am praising God this beautiful morning for His love to me. About ten years ago He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost. He has wonderfully blessed me since that time. It hasn't all been glory, but I've had some trials along the way. But I praise God for every trial, for they draw me closer to Him.

My husband and I have been trusting God for the healing of our bodies ever since we received the Holy Ghost and we get a blessing trusting God. In October I had chills and fever for three weeks. The devil did his best to hold on, but we trusted God till the victory came. Praise His holy name! I am well now and always find Jesus will come to our rescue if we will just have patience and trust Him.

I also praise God for the church at Hattiesburg, Miss. We have some true blue Church of God members here. We have a good Sunday School. Sister S. J. Heath has organized a Y. P. E. for us and the young people are all thrilled over it. I think they are going to work for the Lord. Please pray for me to stay humble. —Your sister in Christ, Mrs. H. B. Magee, Rt. 2, Hattiesburg, Miss.

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